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REASON FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Approval of FI Projects

1. Within the total amount of funds authorized for foreign intelligence purposes from the appropriations available to the Agency and within policy lines established, authority is hereby granted to approve of espionage and counterespionage operational projects, not heretofore approved under previously existing procedures, as follows:

a. The Deputy Director (Plans) may approve of any project calling for an expenditure of an amount not exceeding \$100,000 in a Fiscal Year. The Chief of Operations, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) may approve of the renewal of projects where previously approved by competent authority and the amounts involved will not exceed \$100,000 in a Fiscal Year.

b. The Chief of Operations may approve of projects in amounts not exceeding \$25,000 in a Fiscal Year, and may delegate in writing such authority to the Chief of Foreign Intelligence, as to individual projects involving an expenditure of less than \$5,000. (The Chief of Foreign Intelligence Staff may approve of the renewal of projects where previously approved by competent authority and the amounts involved will not exceed \$25,000 in a Fiscal Year.)

c. Projects involving expenditures in excess of \$100,000 in a Fiscal Year will be forwarded by the Deputy Director (Plans) to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence with M/P recommendations for action. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence will effect any further coordination which he deems appropriate and is authorized in his discretion to approve of any such project or refer it to the Director for determination of final action.

2. All matters involving significant new policy determinations or other questions indicating the desirability of decision by higher authority, including the Director of Central Intelligence, will be properly referred for decision prior to final action, regardless of the amounts involved. Proprietary, subsidy, and other projects within the scope of Section 9.4 of the Confidential Funds regulations will continue to be handled in accordance with established procedures.

3. The provisions of Agency Regulation No. are hereby amended to the extent that they are inconsistent with the above.

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Director